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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Director, Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT:

Status of CIA's Planning with regard to Plan CANCELLATION

1. In reference to your letter of 30 October, you have doubtless been advised that plan CANCELLATION was originally instigated by the Department of State. At their request a working group composed of representatives of CIA, Department of State, and the Department of Defense was set up. Mr. Joseph Phillips acted as Monitor.

2. After the first four or five meetings of the working group, it was decided by the PSC, to whom the question had been referred, that no further progress could be made without additional intelligence. For this reason it was requested that the Office of Intelligence Research, Department of State, secure the answers to certain questions. When this intelligence material was assembled the Department of State was to notify the other members of the working group.

3. In the meantime, the following steps have been taken:

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4. It is our judgment that presently available intelligence is adequate to implement certain aspects of plan CANCELLATION. It is also felt desirable that final plans should be drawn as rapidly as possible if additional intelligence is now available.

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5. Accordingly, it is recommended that the DDCI assume jurisdiction over this problem and convene the working group, which originally met under Mr. Joseph Phillips, Department of State, now detailed to PSB, to finalize the planning.

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